

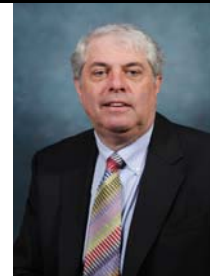


KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION

APRIL BOARD NOTES

Volume 19, No. 2 -- Report of the April 13, 2011, Regular Meeting

COMMENTS FROM DAVID KAREM, KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION CHAIR



Celebration is in order due to the final approval of 703 KAR 5:200, Next Generation Learners, the regulation that will implement the first component of the new accountability system as required by Senate Bill 1. Discussion on the content of this regulation started back in October 2010 and feedback from many sources, including the Local Superintendents Advisory Council; School, Curriculum Assessment and Accountability Council; District Assessment Coordinators; Education Cooperatives; commissioner's advisory groups and other education constituent groups, has helped to shape its content. The Kentucky Board of Education thanks all who took the time to offer advice on this critical decision and we believe this is a major step toward ensuring that all students graduate college and/or career ready!

Congratulations is also in order to all 174 school districts that signed the Commonwealth Commitment pledge. This shows a unified focus on increasing college and career readiness statewide. The board lent its support to ensuring that students are prepared for college and careers by passing a resolution supporting the Commonwealth Commitment. (See the story below for details on the content of the resolution.) Commitment to increasing college and career readiness is yet another pillar required for the implementation of Senate Bill 1.

BOARD TAKES FINAL ACTION ON NEXT GENERATION ACCOUNTABILITY MODEL

On April 13, final approval of 703 KAR 5:200, Next Generation Learners, the regulation that defines the first component of the new accountability system, occurred. The regulation was passed unanimously and will enable the Kentucky Department of Education to move forward with the portion of the accountability model that affects achievement, gap, growth, readiness for college/career and graduation rate. Passage of this part of the accountability system is a major step toward ensuring that all students graduate college and/or career ready!

The content of the regulation received wide review across the state. The final issues that were resolved at the April 13 meeting were as follows:

- Inclusion of end-of-year results in students' course grades – "End-of-course test results may be used for a percentage of a student's final grade in the course. If the district or school council's policies do not include end-of-course grades in the grading policy or if the end-of-course grade percentage is less than twenty percent (20%), the district shall submit an annual report to the Commissioner showing justification for not using end-of-course exams for at least twenty percent (20%) of a student's final grade in the course. The report shall be submitted to the Commissioner on or before December 31."
- Basis for inclusion of students in accountability reporting – "Students enrolled for a full academic year, which in Kentucky shall be 100 instructional days, shall be included in the calculations for Achievement, Gap, Individual Student Growth and Readiness for College or Career for a school and district. For Graduation Rate, students enrolled and students earning diplomas are included in the calculation."
- Name change for one of the components of the accountability system – The "Next Generation Support Systems" component was renamed "Next Generation Instructional Programs and Support".

One additional item that was discussed and will be brought back for further discussion in June was producing an overall profile score from all components of the system. Department staff were asked to get feedback from the field on this proposal and bring it back in June.

The regulation will now proceed to a public hearing during the last week in June. Contact Tina Drury at (502) 564-4474 or via e-mail at Tina.Drury@education.ky.gov on how to speak or submit written comments on the regulation's content.

Following the public hearing, it will go through the required legislative committees for review and approval before becoming effective.

For specific information on 703 KAR 5:200, contact Ken Draut or Rhonda Sims at (502) 564-2256 or via e-mail at Ken.Draut@education.ky.gov or Rhonda.Sims@education.ky.gov.

RESOLUTION PASSED SUPPORTING “THE COMMONWEALTH COMMITMENT TO COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS”

The Kentucky Board of Education joined all 174 local school districts on April 13 in committing to help prepare more of our graduates for college and/or career by passing a resolution in support of “The Commonwealth Commitment to College and Career Readiness”. This is a bold commitment made by all of the local board chairs and superintendents across the state as well as a commitment made by the Council on Postsecondary Education and college presidents. The pledge made by school districts is to increase by 50% the number of college and career ready graduates by 2015.

The resolution reads as follows:

***Resolution Supporting
“The Commonwealth Commitment to College and Career Readiness”
by the
Kentucky Board of Education
Commonwealth of Kentucky***

- Whereas,*** The Kentucky Board of Education is committed to the continual improvement of the education system to ensure the success of all students; and
- Whereas,*** Too many students graduate from high school underprepared for college-level work and careers; and
- Whereas,*** Senate Bill 1 (2009), passed by the Kentucky General Assembly, requires P-12 and postsecondary education leaders to produce a plan to reduce remediation of high school graduates entering college by 50%, and this plan has been produced collaboratively by Kentucky’s P-12 and postsecondary education leaders with the key elements being acceleration, interventions, advising and supports for persistence to graduation; and
- Whereas,*** In September 2010, campus presidents from Kentucky’s colleges and universities signed a resolution pledging their commitment to be full partners with the Kentucky Department of Education in preparing high school graduates to be college and career ready; and
- Whereas,*** The new state accountability model, as approved by the Kentucky Board of Education, will include a college and career readiness measure to emphasize the importance of schools focusing on marked improvement in this area; and
- Whereas,*** The local superintendents and board chairs from 174 school districts have courageously signed “The Commonwealth Commitment to College and Career Readiness” pledging to increase the rate of college and career readiness of their districts’ high school graduates by 50% between 2010 and 2015;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Kentucky Board of Education commends the P-12 and postsecondary partners and those local school districts that signed the “Commonwealth Commitment” for their unified focus on increasing college and career readiness statewide, and lends its support to ensuring that students are prepared for college and careers.

***Done in the city of Frankfort, this
thirteenth day of April, in the year Two
Thousand and Eleven.***

For more information on this resolution, contact Mary Ann Miller at (502) 564-3141 or via e-mail at Maryann.Miller@education.ky.gov.

BOARD APPROVES TWO ADDITIONAL EDUCATIONAL MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATIONS

As part of KRS 160.346 (as amended by 2010 House Bill 176), the Kentucky Board of Education must approve educational management organizations (EMOs) as one of the intervention options from which persistently low-achieving schools can choose. The EMOs must meet the qualifications outlined in 702 KAR 5:180.

In response to a Request for Information (RFI) seeking additional EMOs, the Kentucky Department of Education received two responses as follows:

- EdisonLearning, Inc.
- Mosaica Turnaround Partners, a division of Mosaica Education, Inc.

Both of these EMOs were approved as qualified vendors for eligible school districts to consider.

Matchbook Learning, LLC (formerly Alvarez and Marsal Education Management Organization, LLC) had been previously approved as a qualified vendor in 2010 and was given continued approval as a qualified EMO.

For more information on this agenda item, contact David Cook at (502) 564-4201 or via e-mail at David.Cook@education.ky.gov.

OTHER ITEMS APPROVED AT THE APRIL MEETING WERE:

- Minutes from the February 2, 2011, meeting
- Upholding of the Commissioner of Education’s decision regarding the Christian County High School’s school-based decision making council
- Appointment of Dana Guyer to the KHSAA Board of Control
- Alternative model of school-based decision making from Mount Sterling Elementary, Montgomery County School District
- Request from the Kenton County Board of Education for waiver of 704 KAR 3:340, Commonwealth Diploma Program, Section 2(3)(a) for one student

- Request from the Paducah Independent Board of Education for a waiver of 704 KAR 3:305, Minimum Requirements for High School Graduation, Section 2(3)(b)
- Upholding of the Commissioner of Education's clarified decision in the Harlan Independent Schools/Harlan County Schools dispute regarding the nonresident student agreement
- Billy Harper's travel on April 28-29 to NASBE's Collaborating for Success: Advancing School Health Policies meeting
- Dorie Combs' and Jay Parrent's travel to the June 29-30 NASBE conference titled Common Core Implementation Conference for the Southern Region

OTHER ITEMS REVIEWED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN WERE:

- 702 KAR 5:220, Recognition and Support for Schools and Districts
- Preliminary discussion on content of the Program Review regulation
- Continued Expansion of Schools Participating in AdvanceKentucky
- Update on Recommendations from the Transforming Education in Kentucky Task Force Report
- 2010-2012 Biennial Budget Update
- 2011 Elementary and secondary legislation
- Hearing Officer's Report
- 702 KAR 6:110, Claim Reimbursement for School and Community Nutrition Programs
- Audit Update and Review of Commissioner's and Board's Expenses
- 704 KAR 3:340, Locally Awarded Certificates of Merit for Kentucky Graduations
- KDE Employment Report

KBE MEETING DATES

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<u>2011</u>	<u>Type of Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
June 7-8, 2011	Regular meeting June 8; study session June 7	Frankfort
August 3-4, 2011	KBE Retreat meeting & Regular meeting	Frankfort
October 5, 2011	Regular meeting	Frankfort
December 7, 2011	Regular meeting	Frankfort

KBE MEETING DATES 2012

February 1, 2012	Regular meeting	Frankfort
April 4, 2012	Regular meeting	Frankfort
June 6, 2012	Regular meeting	Frankfort
August 8-9, 2012	KBE Retreat meeting & Regular meeting	Frankfort
October 10, 2012	Regular meeting	Frankfort
December 5, 2012	Regular meeting	Frankfort

For questions on meeting dates, contact Mary Ann Miller at 502-564-3141 or via e-mail at MaryAnn.Miller@education.ky.gov.

The actions described above were taken in open session of the Kentucky Board of Education at the April 13, 2011, regular meeting conducted in the State Board Room, Capital Plaza Tower, 1st Floor, Frankfort, Kentucky. This information is provided in summary form, and an official record of the meeting is available on tape in the permanent records of the Kentucky Board of Education, First Floor, Capital Plaza Tower, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. These records are open for inspection Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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